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Federal Communications Commission
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information@eff.org wrote on 7/25/2007 11:39:47 PM :

Jul 25, 2007

Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein

Dear Commissioner Adelstein,

As a consumer interested in protecting competition, innovation, and legitimate use of cable TV content, I urge you to refuse requests for waivers of 47 CFR 76.1204(a)(1) by NCTA, Charter, Verizon, and all other cable providers. The FCC's integration ban, which in effect requires cable companies to integrate CableCARDs into their own set-top boxes, remains good policy today.

Now ten years after the Telecommunications Act of 1996, cable companies have dragged their feet long enough on competitive alternatives to proprietary set-top boxes, thus hampering innovation and harming consumers. The integration ban will also help market competition prevent further restrictions on cable subscribers' ability to make legitimate use of recorded content.

By adopting content protection limits (encoding rules) in docket no. 97-80, the Commission recognized the importance of allowing consumers to make certain uses of TV content, regardless of a particular cable provider's or copyright holder's wishes. With competition spurred on by the integration ban, consumers would have the freedom to choose the least restrictive cable-compatible device available. The CableCARD standard already prescribes restrictions that harm consumers by limiting non-infringing uses, and such restrictions will get even worse if cable providers' set-top boxes are unchecked by competition.

Please refuse requests for waivers of 47 CFR 76.1204(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Mr. Thomas Wilson
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Commissioner Robert McDowell

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Sincerely,

Mr. Zach Richter
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Dear Commissioner McDowell,

Please refuse requests for waivers of 47 CFR 76.1204(a)(1) by NCTA, Charter, Verizon, and all other cable providers.

There is too little competition in the cable industry. Prices keep going up, and the quality of my service keeps going down. I have few options - only one each for DSL, cable, and satellite. I should have multiple choices for each of those 3. This lack of choice stifles innovation and decent pricing options.

You should be increasing competition and choice, not decreasing as this legislation would do.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

Mr. J Kean
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Sincerely,

Mr. Joshua MacCraw
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Sincerely,

Mr. Erik Medina
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Glendale, CA 91201-1312

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lt6201@verizon.net wrote on 7/24/2007 11:35:25 PM :

Dear Sir,

I am writing to show my support for the Sirius/ XM merger. Both companies have showed that allowing the merger will benefit the consumers. I am a customer of Sirius and would like to be able to access both companies for items that XM has that Sirius does not. Just wanted to state my support for the merger.

Thank you

Steven Reber

Philadelphia.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Peter Asp
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Ossining, NY 10562-5880

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information@eff.org wrote on 7/24/2007 10:49:59 PM :

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Ms. Cynthia Brown
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Sincerely,

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Pleasantville, NY 10570-2235

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information@eff.org wrote on 7/24/2007 12:21:52 PM :

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Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate

Dear Commissioner Taylor Tate,

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Sincerely,

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In addition the refusal of cable companies to allow PC integrated cable card technologies to be available for the general public has seriously harmed small business. Currently only large corporations have the investment capabilities to go through a difficult certification process with Cable Labs. Small businesses who would like to create an innovative product to bring to the market have no chance as long as the cable companies get their way.

Sincerely,

Mr. Eric Shafer
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Mesa, AZ 85209-1277